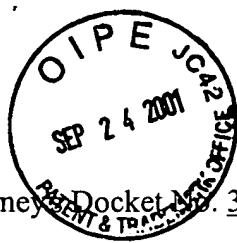


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend Claim 1, as follows:

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1. (Amended) An imaging device for capturing optical image data, the device comprising:
an imager for generating an image signal;
a memory component that receives the image signal from the imager and stores the image signal as image data; and
a processor that executes an exposure control routine by implementing a first module that controls the exposure and gain setting in the imager and a second module that implements computations in response to exposure data transmitted from the first module to determine a targeted exposure and gain setting.

Please add new Claims 36-48, as follows:

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